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# 1008

Year **1008** (**MVIII**) was a leap year starting on Thursday (link will display the full calendar) of the Julian calendar.

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| **Millennium:** | 2nd millennium |
| **Centuries:** | 10th century · **11th century** · 12th century |
| **Decades:** | 980s · 990s · **1000s** · 1010s · 1020s |
| **Years:** | 1005 · 1006 · 1007 · **1008** · 1009 · 1010 · 1011 |

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## Events

### By place

#### Europe

- Olaf Haraldsson, future king of Norway, makes raids in the Baltic Sea. He lands on the Estonian island of Saaremaa, wins a battle there, and forces the inhabitants to pay tribute.
- Battle at Herdaler: Olaf Haraldsson sails to the southern coast of Finland to plunder, where he and his men are ambushed and defeated in the woods.
- Bagrat III adds more lands to his realm, and becomes the first ruler of the Kingdom of Georgia (until 1014).
- The oldest known mention is made of the city of Gundelfingen (Southern Germany).

#### England

- King Æthelred II (**the Unready**) orders a new fleet of warships built, organised on a national scale. It is a huge undertaking, but is completed the following year.[1]

### 1008 in various calendars

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| Gregorian calendar | 1008<br>*MVIII* |
| Ab urbe condita | 1761 |
| Armenian calendar | 457<br>ԹՎ ՆԾԷ |
| Assyrian calendar | 5758 |
| Balinese saka calendar | 929–930 |
| Bengali calendar | 415 |
| Berber calendar | 1958 |
| English Regnal year | *N/A* |
| Buddhist calendar | 1552 |
| Burmese calendar | 370 |
| Byzantine calendar | 6516–6517 |
| Chinese calendar | 丁未年<br>(Fire Goat)<br>3704 or 3644<br>*— to —*<br>戊申年<br>(Earth Monkey)<br>3705 or 3645 |
| Coptic calendar | 724–725 |
| Discordian calendar | 2174 |

### Arabian Empire

- Caliph Al-Hakim bi-Amr Allah sends a tributary mission to Emperor Zhen Zong of the Song Dynasty, in order to reestablish trade relations between the Fatimid Caliphate and China (approximate date).

## By topic

### Religion

- Olof Skötkonung, king of Sweden, is baptized in Husaby (Västergötland) by missionary Sigfrid, and makes generous donations on the spot.[2]
- Autumn – Bruno of Querfurt, a missionary bishop, and 18 companions sets out on a mission to spread Christianity among the Prussians.[3]

# Births

- May 4 – Henry I, king of France (d. 1060)
- October 12 – Go-Ichijō, emperor of Japan (d. 1036)
- Al-Mu'izz ibn Badis, Zirid ruler of Ifriqiya (d. 1062)
- Anselm of Liège, French chronicler and historian
- Di Qing, general of the Song Dynasty (d. 1057)
- Gothelo II (or **Gozelo**), duke of Lower Lorraine (d. 1046)
- Sugawara no Takasue, Japanese writer (approximate date)
- Wulfstan, bishop of Worcester (approximate date)

# Deaths

- March 17 – Kazan, emperor of Japan (b. 968)
- April 7 – Ludolf (or **Liudolf**), archbishop of Trier
- April 10 – Notker of Liège, French bishop (b. 940)
- May 25 – Matilda of Saxony, countess of Flanders
- October 6 – Menendo González, Galician nobleman
- November 20 – Geoffrey I, duke of Brittany (b. 980)
- Abd al-Malik al-Muzaffar, Andalusian court official
- Clothna mac Aenghusa, Irish poet (approximate date)
- Gunnlaugr Ormstunga, Icelandic poet (approximate date)
- Gurgen II (**Magistros**), king of Iberia-Kartli (Georgia)
- Ibn Zur'a, Abbasid physician and philosopher (b. 943)
- Madudan mac Gadhra Mór, king of Síol Anmchadha
- Poppo, Polish missionary bishop (approximate date)

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| Ethiopian calendar | 1000–1001 |
| Hebrew calendar | 4768–4769 |
| Hindu calendars | |
| - *Vikram Samvat* | 1064–1065 |
| - *Shaka Samvat* | 929–930 |
| - *Kali Yuga* | 4108–4109 |
| Holocene calendar | 11008 |
| Igbo calendar | 8–9 |
| Iranian calendar | 386–387 |
| Islamic calendar | 398–399 |
| Japanese calendar | Kankō 5<br>(寛弘５年) |
| Javanese calendar | 910–911 |
| Julian calendar | 1008<br>*MVIII* |
| Korean calendar | 3341 |
| Minguo calendar | 904 before ROC<br>民前904年 |
| Nanakshahi calendar | −460 |
| Seleucid era | 1319/1320 AG |
| Thai solar calendar | 1550–1551 |
| Tibetan calendar | 阴火羊年<br>(female Fire-Goat)<br>1134 or 753 or −19<br>— *to* —<br>阳土猴年<br>(male Earth-Monkey)<br>1135 or 754 or −18 |

- Raymond III, French nobleman (approximate date)
- Rotbold I (or **Rotbaud**), French nobleman
- Sarolt, Grand Princess of Hungary (b. 950)

Coin of Olof Skötkonung (c. 980–1022)

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